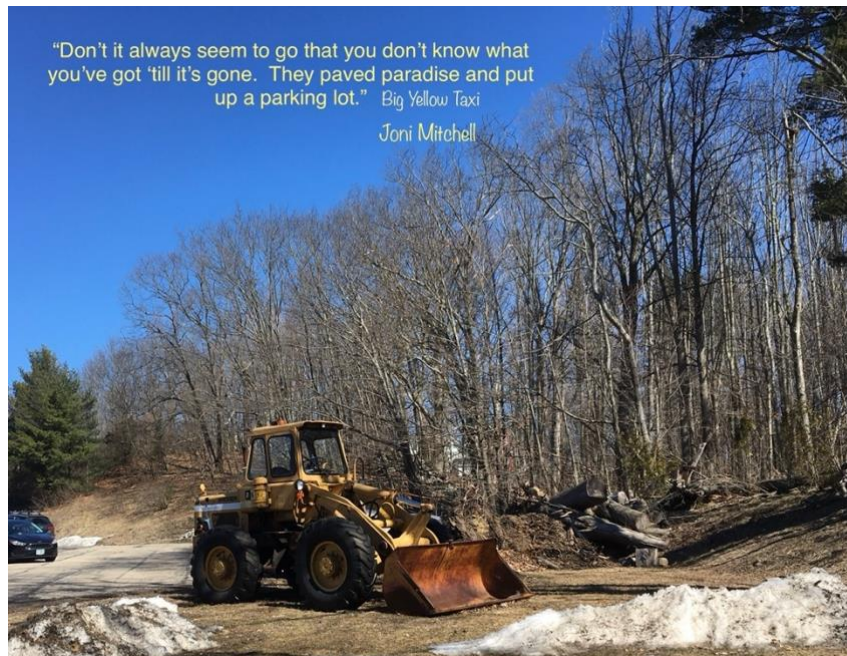


All of you valued members of our town's Planning Board have heard from a number of concerned residents about issues related to the proposal of the Church Hill/Red Tower forest becoming a parking lot. We now must add our voices.

Many factors will be considered - the rules and regulations of the town and the rights of private ownership. Others are more knowledgeable than we are about those things.

This submission is probably just a lonely cry in the wilderness to speak for that forest that will be destroyed. What was green and wild and home to small animals and birds will be no more.

We're hoping that all compromises will have been explored, all alternatives to this destruction fully discussed. Is a parking lot really a legacy to defend? We agree with Edward Abbey, "The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders."



Sincerely,

Jean and Mark McPeak
Brookside Commons